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what the intent and desire of this body is. Hopefully, we will be in session on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, and return April 1, on Tuesday. I do not know if this is the correct reading to interpret from the action of last Friday. In view of the Budget Committee not meeting until after Easter, I don't know what changes they will have, what changes they want to do their work properly. I suppose . . . I've been asking for cooperation and asking support, guidance, advice, council, instead of saying this is what we're going to do, then being overridden or accepted entirely. One of my question is . . . and I hope the body could respond by giving Senator Savage a statement, after visiting with the Budget Committee, is this to be accepted as such . . . and that says we will not return until April 2. I ask for a discussion of the matter at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. President, to clue Senator Burbach in, as I recall it and you can correct me if I'm wrong, I made a motion to turn down Senator Burbach's proposal. Then we got to discussing it. Then I went along with the thing to turn down my motion. It would turn down all of this stuff. That we'd meet a half day today. We left the rest of it, next Tuesday, open for further action when we got back. That's the way I remember it. It was restricted to today only that we'd work a half day so the committees could finish up. Fact is I've got an executive meeting to clean up all our bills. As I recall, we did not take action on next Tuesday one way or the other. We left that in abeyance for whatever you want to do. Our intent was to start all day sessions next Monday, as I recall it. There was no action taken on the following Tuesday as to whether we were going to work at all or not. We left that open till he got back here to make his motion, whichever way he wanted to do it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, one clarification. I have not seen the morning paper, but the Appropriations Committee is meeting today at 2 o'clock, Speaker Burbach. We have 4 bills in public hearing, as a matter of fact.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I yield to the Speaker. He looks like he wants to answer Senator Marsh.

SPEAKER: A few moments ago, a half hour ago, I came to the Statehouse and here is the article: "Chairman Richard Marvel succumbing to what he said was frustration and exhaustion. Thursday suspended indefinitely work by the Legislatures Budget Committee, on '75-'75 spending decisions. The Hastings Senator said he wouldn't call the committee back until after Easter, and not until he is ready for alternatives which would trim budget proposals sufficiently to avoid the need for a tax increase. Marvel's abrupt decision to adjourn caught his committee by surprise, but there wasn't any protest, even though Thursday had been set aside to wind up the decisions on operating budget recommendations". Then it goes on, there is a continuation on page 3.